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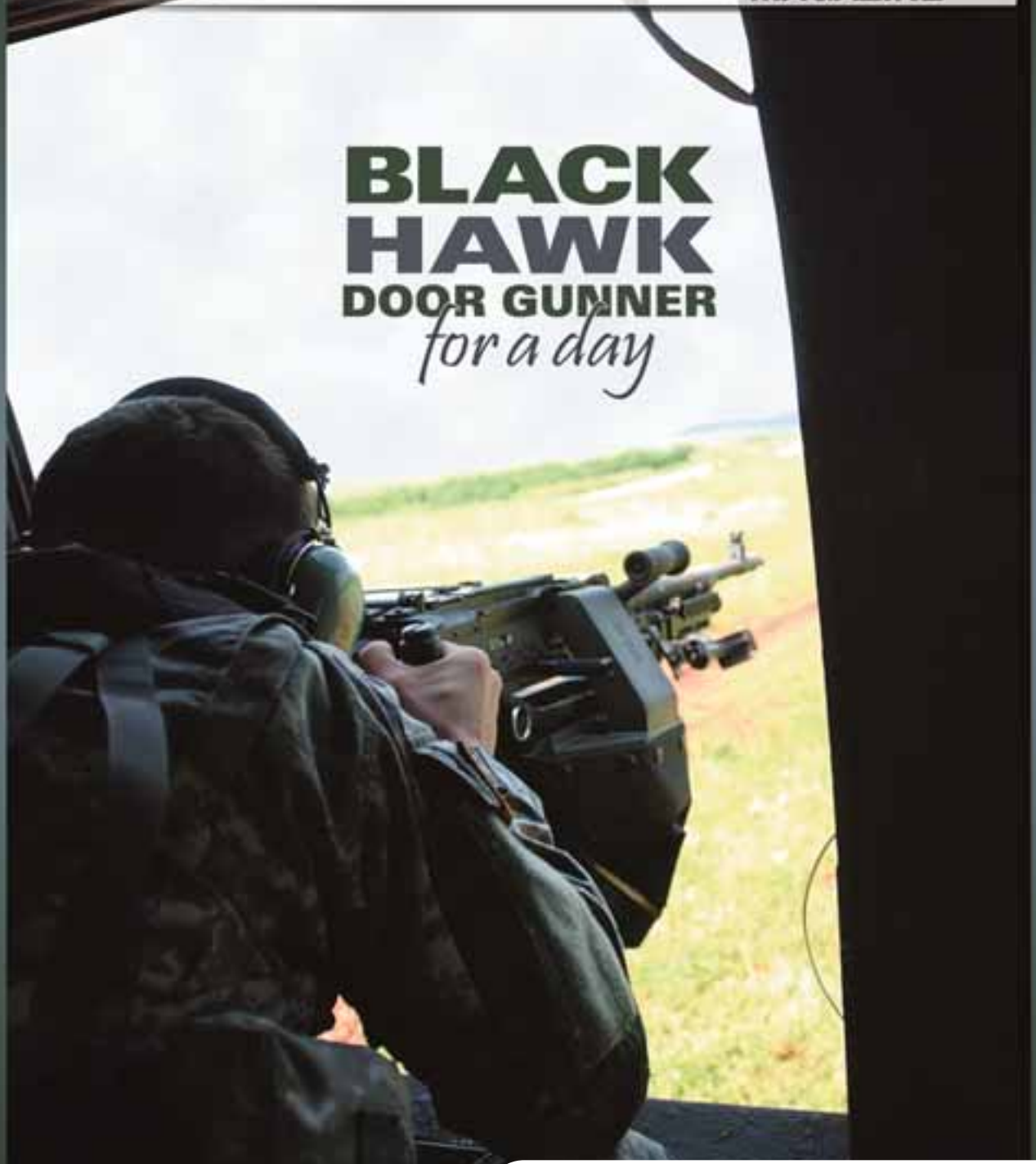

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Spec. Jahun Green, 101st Engineers, Massachusetts Army National Guard, won the Division Soldier of the Quarter board while deployed to Kosovo. As a reward, Col. Jeff Greb, Multinational Task Force-East Deputy Commander for Maneuver, gave up his ammo and let Green, of Boston, become a Blackhawk door gunner for a day. (Photos: Multinational Task Force-East Public Affairs)

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Command Message

Strategic Reserve (Cold War) to Operational Reserve (Global War on Terror) – Army Guard Transformation

Brig. Gen. Thomas Sellars

By Brig. Gen. Thomas Sellars

At the April 2007 National Guard Association of Massachusetts Conference, I spoke to the Army Guard membership present about how we are transforming from what we traditionally remember the Guard's role of being a Strategic Reserve of the Army to an Operational Reserve. This transformation will not be quick or easy. But, nothing worth doing right ever is.

Transformation of our role in the Army Guard lead us to recommending proposed changes to our force structure that we were due to carry forward to our Commander in Chief, Gov. Deval Patrick.

The plan was carried, and has been approved; it will begin this fall with a completion date of Oct. 31, 2008. This plan is ambitious, but I am confident that we will get it done. Our leaders and Soldiers have never shied away from a challenge in the past and they will not today.

The 26th Brigade Combat Team is converting to the 26th Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) (MEB). Nationwide the Army Guard is looking to reduce the number of brigade combat teams and replace that structure with the more adaptable and agile Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. Over the next two years the plan nationally is to convert 16 BCTs into MEBs.

Let me speak plainly.

We are at war and we have two primary responsibilities. The first is to provide ready and trained forces to the combatant commander for the war fight. The second is to provide ready and reliable forces to support the homeland defense and domestic mission. That is what we do as Soldiers and as tactical, operational and strategic leaders.

This MEB structure retains the brigade level command in Massachusetts. It provides a structure that is sustainable, adaptable and modular that better supports our war fighting mission. Additionally, the MEB structure provides the best force mix to meet our responsibilities in the ten core capabilities that we are required to support in response to domestic emergencies.

These ten capabilities are: aviation; command and control; communications; counter drug; engineering; medical support; security; transportation; water distribution; and weapons of mass destruction response. The new structure will provide the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with all these capabilities in a modular design that is enduring. An enduring structure is essential in providing stability, predictability and upward mobility opportunities to all our members.

As we continue the transformation that we began back in 2005, rest assured that we will continue to focus on our mission, our Soldiers, our families and our future.

Our Army Guard structure will meet The Adjutant General vision of a *Ready, Reliable and Relevant force.* ✯

Leadership? How About Followership?

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bedell, Massachusetts Air National Guard

Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bedell

Time for a change? I can remember back in the 70s and 80s and well into the 90s, private industry seemed to have an obsession with making everyone a good leader. Some say we are a society in love with leadership. It is one of the most important things in the military; and rightly so. However, great leaders are nothing new to the military; we've been making them for centuries. But while so much is being made of leadership, there was little emphasis put on the people we lead. Few understand there's a reverse side of the coin called "Followership."

Followership? What the heck does that mean? Is this something new? It really isn't, it's been there for as long as there have been leaders; we just didn't give it any thought. But what we really must understand is that the concepts of leadership and followership are inseparable.

Follow the leader. The nature of leadership can probably be best understood by turning that coin over and studying followership. Organizations both military and private are successful, or not, not only on the basis of how well their leaders lead, but also in great part on the basis of how well their followers follow. If we can understand this, then we will be a long way down the road to creating those followers, and hence becoming an effective leader. But why do we follow leaders? Well, the short answer is that in the military we have to. But normally we don't blindly follow just anyone. You can't just say "follow me" and expect people to follow out of the goodness of their hearts. You have to give them a good reason to follow.

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Since we certainly don't train our folks on how to be good followers, what are some key aspects of creating good followers? ChangingMinds.org has a few examples.

- The Leader-Follower Loop
  Leaders create followers create leaders. Leaders who want to create true followers do not just stand at the front of the army, yell "charge" and then run forward. They may be surprised that if they do that the Army will still be standing where they stood. And yet many would-be leaders do just this. They think they can be leaders just by telling people to follow them. And then they are surprised when people do not.
- Five Reasons to Follow:
  From coercive push to the pull of inspirational vision:
  - **Fear of retribution** *"If I do not follow, I may lose my job!"*
  - **Blind Hope** *"We must do something. I hope this works!"*
  - **Faith in Leader** *"What a great person. If anyone knows the answer, they do!"*
  - **Intellectual Agreement** *"What a good idea. That makes real sense."*
  - **Buying the Vision** *"What a brilliant idea. I don't care who thought of it."*
- Followers and Respect
  Both leader and solution are important. When a person is evaluating a situation and deciding whether to collaborate (and hence become a follower), they judge both the leader and also the solution the leader is offering to determine what action they will take.
- Followers and Trust
  I will follow someone I trust. People follow those they trust. If I do not trust you, then I will not follow you. Trust is thus a fundamental basis for followers.
- Followers and Liking
  I will follow someone I like. If I do not like you, then I will not follow you. But if I like you, or at least respect you, then I will pay attention to you.
- Followers and Support
  I will follow someone who supports me. People follow those that help them. If we seem to be heading in the same direction and what we want is roughly the same thing, then it make sense to work together.
- Followers and Ideas
  I will follow ideas, not objectives. People will follow an idea, but not constraining objectives, then I may do it, but not in a way that makes me want to follow you.

So there you have it, the concept of "followership." Something we never gave much, if any, thought to, but nonetheless a very important concept we need to know and understand to lead our great folks into the future. ✯

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26th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Transforms to Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

By Col. John Conley, 26th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Deputy Commander

Shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, it became apparent to senior Army leaders that the current Army force was not structured to fight the new threat that had emerged following the Cold War. Asymmetrical warfare was the new environment that U.S. ground forces would operate in an environment that has no clear defined lines of friend or foe on the battlefield. This required quick reacting formations that were modular in design, agile and responsive in maneuver, flexible and adaptable in tactics, with multifunctional capabilities to conduct a full-spectrum of operations from low intensity stability and security missions to high intensity full scale decisive operations. To move the Army to that end state, it embarked on the Army Transformation Plan Roadmap of 2003 to establish a radically new Army structure to be in place by the year 2014. The initial answer was the Brigade Combat team (BCT), and in Massachusetts the 26th Infantry Brigade began it's transformation to a 26th Infantry BCT in the fall of 2005.

Also concurrent with the development of the BCT concept were elements of the old Division structure that were being developed to support the new modular design of the Army. These were the Sustainment Brigade, the Fires Brigade, the Aviation Brigade and the Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. Although these support brigades were much more modernized and equipped with more robust command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems than before, they still resembled their previous similar missioned brigades.

One additional modular brigade evolved from the ongoing transformation efforts that was new and unique only to itself – the "Maneuver Enhancement Brigade" (MEB), also referred to as the Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement). The MEB was developed to address the application of freedom of action and force protection, clearly recognizing the evolving nature of warfare as we move from an Army based on a linear battlefield to one that operates in a nonlinear, noncontiguous environment, which also includes the simultaneous conduct of decisive, stability and support operations.

The MEB, designed for that purpose, has two overarching missions:

- Provide tailored maneuver support to the Division (UE-level) and subordinate brigades.
- Terrain Management and Security elements for areas designated by the Division (UE-level) CDR.

The MEB modular force is a mission tailored combat support brigade. The organic elements of the MEB include a Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), a Signal Company and a Brigade Support Battalion. These elements are very robust to command, control and support the MEB. The balance of the MEB is built as required by the considerations of its mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available, time available, and civil considerations (METT-TC). It takes advantage of the new "plug & play" modular approach that is now the core of our ground force power projection. Depending on the considerations of METT-TC, the MEB can have a broad range of capabilities assigned to it to include: engineer, military police, chemical, air defense and civil affairs units. These units typically function together during the protection, stability and support phase of operations. Additionally, the MEB can have what are now termed "tactical combat forces," entailing combat arms formations such as infantry, cavalry and field artillery. Since the organization of an MEB is not as fixed as a BCT, it will present a challenge for the MEB leadership to rapidly integrate its attached, assigned or OPCON'd subordinate units into a cohesive organization.

The MEB will be required to operate over an extended battle space, in multiple locations. And hence, will be a very robust networked organization able to seamlessly integrate vertically and horizontally to provide a high level of situational awareness, along with a high degree of battlespace management. Additionally, the MEB will fill a unique joint role that is not found in the other services.

The 26th MEB will consist of its organic units, which include the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), the Brigade Signal Company, the Brigade Support Battalion and its currently assigned units of the 1st Battalion 181st Infantry and the 1st Squadron 182nd Cavalry. Although there will be organizational changes within the Brigade as it is currently configured as it transitions to the MEB, end strength within the Massachusetts Army National Guard will generally remain the same.

Once it completes its conversion in October 2008, the 26th MEB represents an exciting future for the MAARNG as it transforms as part of the overall Army Transformation Plan. This will insure that the 26th MEB and the MAARNG remain a viable, robust, relevant and deployable force for both federalized duty overseas and domestic contingencies at home. It insures the MAARNG remains at the forefront in defense of our nation and ready to support our Commonwealth of Massachusetts citizens. ✯

Massachusetts Soldiers Strengthen U.S. Border

By Lt. Col. John Lee, Commander 164th Transportation Battalion

The 1058th Transportation Company of Hingham returned from the desert again. This time the desert was along the California and Mexico border. Soldiers from the 1058th spent most of June 2007 working with the California National Guard and the United States Border Patrol as part of Operation Steel Castle. The unit transported large anti-vehicle barriers made of old steel rails into the desert to block vehicles carrying contraband from entering the United States across the sparsely patrolled desert.

Operation Steel Castle is a part of Operation JUMP START in Southern California. This program is vital to homeland security and the integrity of the border that stretches 170 miles from Arizona to the Pacific Ocean. Some of the desert sections of the border have no barrier for many miles. With the anti-vehicle barriers, vehicles are prevented from crossing the border in these remote locations. The objective is to stop vehicles carrying drugs and other illegal products into the United States.

This was a new type of experience for Soldiers, many of whom have completed tours in Iraq.

"I would like to come back again and work with this real world mission," said Sgt. Eugene Thomas, of Fairhaven.

He further described liking to work with the California National Guard and the U.S. Border Patrol. Spec. Donald Burnett, of Taunton, was one of the many soldiers driving the 5,000 pound sections of barrier over the unimproved dusty roads to the border for placement by the engineers from the California National Guard. In the time the 1058th Transportation Company was working the mission, more than three miles of barrier were put in place. The U.S. Border Patrol expected the job to last until August and praised the Massachusetts unit for its efficiency and ability to work safely in the heat of the desert.

First Sgt. William Chiano explained, "Being from Massachusetts and doing a real world mission that has benefits for the United States is a good thing for our Soldiers."

Staff Sgt. Donna Muncy, of Berkley, agreed and commented, "Soldiers enjoy a real world mission and the training is good because as truck drivers, this is what we do."

According to the commander of the 1058th, Capt. Mike Koski, the planning paid off and he hopes to return in the future to work installing more barriers to protect the U.S. border. ✯

Massachusetts 1058th Transportation Company gathers for a photo while working on the California and Mexico border. (Photo: Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Paccioretti.)

Change of Command: A Time Honored Tradition

By Cliff McDonald, Public Affairs Staff

The 102nd Fighter Wing said farewell to its commanding officer, Col. Paul G. Worcester (center) and welcomed a new commanding officer, Col. Anthony E. Schiavi (left). The presiding officer for the change of command was Brig. Gen. Michael Akey (right), commander, Massachusetts Air National Guard. (Photo: Senior Airman Kerri Cole.)

On what started out as a stormy Sunday morning on the third day of June, the rain slowed to a drizzle and then stopped as the change of command ceremony commenced on the hangar floor of Bldg. 158. Ceremonial drill commands echoed throughout the building as members of the 102nd Fighter Wing were called to attention. Section leaders reported, "all present and accounted for," to the adjutant before a crowd of as many as 150 invited guests and dignitaries. As the Honor Guard posted the colors, Senior Master Sgt. George Burr burst into song singing our national anthem. Military members saluted and civilians held hands across their hearts. The 102nd Fighter Wing welcomed a new commanding officer when Col. Anthony E. Schiavi relieved the outgoing commander, Col. Paul G. Worcester. The presiding officer of the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Michael Akey, commander of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The change of command ceremony is a time honored tradition. It is a public ceremony formally transferring command and complete responsibility for a unit from one officer to another. The ceremony formally restates to the officers and enlisted personnel of the command the continuity of the authority of command.

Col. Worcester, a Plymouth resident, assumed command of the 102nd in November 2002. Under his command, the 102nd participated in many joint and multinational exercises. For the time being, Col. Worcester will remain at Otis. He will take the lead for the Air Guard and work on recent Massachusetts Military Reservation Memorandum of Agreement development issues, as well as a number of master plan concerns and a combination of current and additional 102nd's missions matters.

During his farewell remarks, Col. Worcester first commented on the past couple of years, which he described as being tough ones for the wing, while also being greatly successful. In his opinion, this success had less to do with individual leadership, and more to do with the "Team Otis" spirit. He told the men and women of the unit that the wing's continued existence wouldn't have been possible without their hard work. He added, "It wouldn't be possible without your professional, loyal, and dedicated efforts to sustain this wing at such a high level of excellence. We are, you are, postured for a bright future."

The colonel then shifted his focus and said, "I have much to be thankful for. To do this right, I should be thanking all of the nearly 1,100 military and civilian members of this wing in person. Individually, you have been great supporters of me; collectively, you've been the best team a commander could ever hope for."

He extended his thanks to highly supportive community and advisory group leaders and elected officials at all levels of government. He also expressed gratitude to his group commanders for sharing the burdens of command and going beyond their standard scope of duties to lead the wing. Furthermore, to Col. "Kimo" Schiavi he conveyed his appreciation for stepping up from the very beginning to keep the wing running strongly.

"Kimo, I wouldn't have taken this job without you; you proved to me why I was right by choosing you," Worcester said. "Take this wing to the next level of excellence; you are the right person to do it, and they are ready."

And last he told his family, "I missed my kids going through college years; Lindsay and Ryan, I hope someday I can make up for it. I thank my wife, Janet, for enduring those long lonely days when military business drew me away; I know I can never repay you."

In closing, he quoted CNN news anchor Soledad O'Brien, who recently gave the commencement address at his son Ryan's college graduation, "Don't worry about finding a job, worry about finding your passion."

Col. Worcester said last, "To the members of the 102nd Fighter Wing, I couldn't agree more. Find your passion – do your living with passion – work with passion. After all, I found my passion; it's the 102nd Fighter Wing. Best of luck and God bless every one of you."

Col. Schiavi, a resident of Harwich, expressed his pride in becoming the new commanding officer. He first thanked the assembled distinguished guests and visitors for their support of the wing, his family for their personal support and Col. Worcester for leaving him a unit which excelled under his leadership. He also recognized the Airmen of the wing by telling them that it was an honor to be their 13th wing commander, and that he was humbled to be given an opportunity to contribute to a great legacy of outstanding leaders who preceded him. He told the wing's civilian employees the base couldn't function without them – they play an important role in mission success.

Col. Schiavi's acceptance speech was punctuated with three main themes: heritage, continuity and change. He talked about the wing's legacy, being the fifth oldest wing in the Air National Guard, serving more than 86 years.

"It is our duty to always remember that we are not only building our legacy for today, but for the future members of this wing, who will someday take their place right where you're standing," Schiavi said.

When the colonel joined the wing 14 years ago he didn't know what to expect, he said. He soon came to realize how special the 102nd was, and became aware of the many opportunities that lay ahead in a National Guard career.

"I never looked back," he said. "I always try to find value and opportunity in change. What I can promise you while I am your commander is to lead with optimism and encouragement in everything we are doing. I will also encourage each and every one of you to look to the future with the same level of optimism and find value for you in the changes that lie ahead."

Col. Schiavi called attention to Sept. 11, 2001, and how that day changed the world.

"It will surely be marked in our unit history as this wing's greatest moment," Schiavi said. "We were doing the unthinkable, flying combat air patrols over our nation, and in the six years since that day, almost every member of our wing has been touched in some way, whether supporting domestic operations here at home, or supporting our combatant commanders overseas. You have accomplished the mission with distinction and honor."

He continued by sharing his thoughts on what the wing will be focusing on as it ends its 86 years of a flying mission, and forges ahead towards new horizons and the standup of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. He commented on recruiting, the wing is in the middle of its best recruiting year of its last 10. He encouraged all present to be recruiters for the wing. He asked everyone to talk to others about the opportunities of being in the Guard.

"Remember, we are a great force multiplier to our wing's full time recruiting staff," he said.

He also touched on retention by saying, "I know many of you still have decisions to make regarding your future Guard career; give us an opportunity to work with you in finding a new home in our wing. We need you."

As to the current F-15 mission of the wing, Col. Schiavi stated, "First we must preserve our impressive safety record which exceeds 80,000 hours of Class A mishap-free flying. We will undoubtedly go through some periods of uncertainty and stress as we close in on the final stages of this transition. I will be expecting leadership at all levels to watch for areas of concern, but also to be listening to you. If anyone sees something that doesn't seem right, I expect you to speak up."

He stressed to his Airmen that they must maintain mission focus until the last crews close the doors at the alert facility, which is expected in January 2008. As it relates to the new intelligence mission, he said, "We are well on our way, but we still have a lot to accomplish in a short amount of time. It will take strong leadership at all levels and motivated people with a strong work ethic and innovated ideas to meet our timelines for transition.

"It will be our vision to become a center of excellence in Air Force intelligence and war fighting command and control missions," Schiavi said. "It is not inconceivable that we can grow our new mission sets even bigger once our conversion is complete and a success. We have strong support from our state military and civilian leadership, and strong Congressional support as well as great support from our civilian community and local officials."

The colonel called for "pushing hard for much needed new and upgraded support facilities." He said that the base has been neglected "far too long" in receiving funds for improvements for mission-related facilities improvements. He talked about a comprehensive space utilization plan for Otis which will shrink the base from thousands of acres to hundreds.

Col. Schiavi stated that communications will be essential as the wing moves forward.

"There are great ideas out there, I know there are," he said. "Please share them, not all of them will be workable, or necessarily achieve the results we are looking for, that's okay – some of them will, and that's good. I will never be upset with anyone for trying."

Col. Schiavi concluded by calling attention to celebrating the wing's legacy in aviation. He said that over the coming year the wing will celebrate with many events, starting with an August 2007 air show. More events are being worked and information will be forthcoming. He asked for ideas, stressing, "It is important that we document and celebrate our heritage."

In his final remarks, Col. Schiavi said, "Our wing is strong, our wing is motivated to succeed, and your entire leadership team is working hard for you. I assure you we are headed in the right direction." ✯

Outstanding Family Readiness Awards Presented

Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, presented Mrs. Lisa Potito and Maj. Paula Payne with Outstanding Family Readiness awards for the support they provided to Guard members and their families.

Each year there is an Army and Air Guard recipient of the award. Potito is married to Sgt. Timothy Potito of the 3rd Battalion 126th Aviation, of Westfield, Mass. Payne is assigned to the 253rd Combat Communications Group, from Otis Air National Guard Base.

The presentation was made during the 2007 National Guard Association of Massachusetts conference held April 28 in Hyannis, Mass. ✯

From left to right: Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., Lt. Col. Patrick McNamara, director of personnel for the 253rd Combat Communications Group, Maj. Paula Payne, Lt. Col. Arthur Wunder, deputy commander of the 253rd, Gov. Deval Patrick and Lt. Col. Don Mofford, commander of the 253rd, with Payne's Outstanding Family Readiness Award during the National Guard Association of Massachusetts conference in Hyannis, Mass. (Photo: Jose Martinez, deputy press secretary, Office of the Governor of Massachusetts.)

Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., Mrs. Lisa Potito and Gov. Deval Patrick with Potito's Outstanding Family Readiness Award during the annual National Guard Association of Massachusetts conference at Hyannis, Mass. (Photo: Jose Martinez, deputy press secretary, Office of the Governor of Massachusetts.)

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Safe Driving
on Camp Edwards

Story and photos by Sgt. Nicole Dykstra,
Massachusetts National Guard Safety & Occupational Health Office

Automobile accidents are the leading cause of death in the Army, according to the Combat Readiness Center on Fort Rucker, Ala., which tracks Army accident data. With proper training, this risk can be managed so that lives are not lost unnecessarily.

The Army Safe Driver Training program was developed at the CRC in conjunction with General Motors. In an effort to provide more rigorous safety training for the Soldiers in the Massachusetts National Guard, the 101st Regiment Regional Training Institute worked with the state Safety Office to bring ASDT to Camp Edwards. There are currently three instructors at the RTI who attended the intense instructor training at Fort Rucker. Classes are four hours long and are scheduled during the summer to accommodate units conducting annual training.

"This is the type of training that teaches practical skills with a tactical application as well," said Lt. Col. Joseph Finnegan, Massachusetts National Guard's State Safety Manager and Operations Officer at the RTI. "Once you go through the course and have been exposed to these scenarios, you can understand the importance of safe driver training."

The ASDT consists of seven exercises: serpentine, skid control, evasive steering, controlled braking, off-road recovery, straight-line backing and parking. Students negotiate the different scenarios with both a four-door sedan and a high mobility multi-wheeled vehicle to gain appreciation of the differences in the vehicles steering and braking. A low student-teacher ratio of 3:1 allows instructors to closely supervise each student's progress and give on-the-spot corrections as needed.

Of course, seatbelts are mandatory for the duration of the course, as is the three o'clock and nine o'clock hand positions on the steering wheel. This allows for better steering control in a skid, or to avoid an accident, and keeps arms clear of the airbag in the event that it deploys. Students are also encouraged to practice "targeting," which is looking in the direction they want the vehicle to go instead of the object they are trying to avoid.

In the serpentine exercise, students practice weaving through a line of cones and learn how to judge the relationship between the vehicle and a fixed object. By properly timing their steering, drivers can avoid overcorrection, which could lead to a rollover.

Vehicles in the ASDT are equipped with a device called the "Skid Monster," which simulates a complete loss of traction associated with sand or ice. Students learn how to recognize when a vehicle is beginning to skid and how to maintain directional control.

"The skid control exercise is especially important for New England drivers who are regularly faced with snow and ice during the winter," Finnegan said. "Knowing how to remain calm and handle a skid can prevent a serious accident from occurring."

"My favorite exercise was the skid control. It shows how easily you can go from in control to out of control; I think this knowledge is crucial for younger drivers who may be overconfident in their driving ability," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Reynolds, a Soldier in Det. 1, Charlie Co., 224th Aviation Security and Surveillance, and recent graduate of the course.

By maneuvering through the evasive steering exercise, students learn that less time is needed to steer around an object than to stop before hitting it. Cones mark an outline of a simulated object that students practice steering around at speeds up to 45 mph, depending on the confidence and ability of the student. To practice controlled braking, students drive through the same exercise and brake at the object instead of steering around it. By completing the exercise in both the Humvee and the sedan, students gain a better understanding of a vehicle's braking capabilities with or without anti-lock brakes.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Reynolds steers though a skid in the skid control exercise of the ASDT.

A student in the ASDT course at the RTI practices backing into a simulated parking spot.

The purpose of the off-road recovery exercise is to teach students how to safely recover a moving vehicle from the shoulder of the road. This exercise is completed with both two wheels and four wheels off the normal road surface. Students learn how to bring their vehicle back onto the roadway without panicking or overcorrecting.

The straight-line backing and parking exercises are to make students more proficient in driving skills that are often taken for granted. By mastering the use of targeting, students learn how to back-up their vehicle so they can pull out of the parking spot in a forward motion.

"As a leader, I am going to ensure that all my Soldiers receive this training," Reynolds said. "It was extremely realistic, and anyone taking the course will come away with valuable, life-saving skills."

As a prerequisite, students must have first completed either the online Defensive Driver Course or the Accident Avoidance Course, and must have a valid military and state driver's license. For information on scheduled ASDT dates, please contact Master Sgt. Serge Loiselle at the 101st RTI at (508) 968-5871. To request additional dates for unit training, please contact Lt. Col. Joseph Finnegan at (508) 233-6566. ★

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82nd Airborne Combat Patch for Guard Unit Dedicated to a "Devil in Baggy Pants"

Story and photos by U.S. Navy Chief Eric Harrison, 43rd Joint Logistics Command

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Soldiers of the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 726th Finance Battalion, Task Force Diamond, held a ceremony at the Enduring Faith chapel here April 16 to receive their 82nd Airborne Division combat patches and pay tribute to a hero.

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald LeBlanc dedicated the 82nd Airborne combat patch to his childhood hero and mentor, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas J. Leccese.

According to LeBlanc, Leccese made all four division combat jumps during World War II and was one of the original "Devils in Baggy Pants." LeBlanc used the opportunity to stress the meaning of the 82nd patch to his Soldiers.

"We will wear this patch not only for ourselves, but more importantly for those brave troopers who served with the 82nd Airborne Division before us," said LeBlanc, a Stoneham native, "and especially for those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives."

Lt. Col. Thomas Devine also stressed the importance of remembering the Soldiers who have served before them. "Sergeant Major LeBlanc has done an outstanding job," said the 726th commander. "It's important for you to think about why you're here as Soldiers, and to continue doing the outstanding job you're doing. Wear the 82nd combat patch proudly."

LeBlanc said Leccese was his best friend's father and that the paratrooper had a huge impact on his life. "He was my role model and mentor," said the 37-year Army veteran, "and he was my hero growing up."

LeBlanc followed in Leccese's footsteps in civilian life, and is a police sergeant with the Wakefield Police Department. Leccese served a long and distinguished career with the Massachusetts State Police and retired as a staff sergeant.

Leccese served with C Company, 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 82nd Airborne Division. During the war, Leccese was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in Holland, the Bronze Star with "V" device for his actions in Belgium, and four Purple Hearts for being wounded in action. He died in 1980, a full decade after LeBlanc began his service in the Army.

LeBlanc continued to express to the Soldiers of the 726th the significance of the ceremony, and how much he appreciated his Soldiers taking part. "It is my honor and privilege to be in a position to dedicate my combat patch to the memory of Sergeant 1st Class Thomas Leccese," he said. "It is also an honor and a privilege to be your command sergeant major and to now be joined with you as combat brothers and sisters in arms."

The 726th is currently deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom to provide in-country financial support to the Soldiers stationed throughout the country. ★

Lt. Col. Thomas Devine, commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 726th Finance Battalion, affixes the 82nd Airborne Division combat patch on one of his Soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald LeBlanc salutes a member of the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 726th Finance Battalion, Task Force Diamond, during a combat patch ceremony at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald LeBlanc, a Stoneham, Mass., native, describes the service of Sgt. 1st Class Thomas J. Leccese during a combat patch ceremony at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

Entry found in the diary of a German officer killed at Anzio:

"American parachutists – devils in baggy pants – are less than 100 meters from my outpost line. I can't sleep at night; they pop up from nowhere and we never know when or how they will strike next. Seems like the black-hearted devils are everywhere..."

1060th TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Answered Call to Serve

By 1st Lt. Matthew King, 1060th Transportation Co. Platoon Leader, Massachusetts Army National Guard

The 1060th "Patriots" Transportation Company performed a vital mission during Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed from Sept. 5, 2006, to Sept. 5, 2007, to Camp Taji, Iraq, they fell under the 867th Corps Support Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade and the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

The mission was to deliver all classes of supply in support of maneuver forces of OIF and the primary area of responsibility was around greater Baghdad. During their tour, the Soldiers of the 1060th Transportation Co. experienced an exceptionally rigorous operational tempo. They positioned equipment for two troop surges into the Baghdad area. This increase in combat power created a large demand for support, which was supplied by the 1060th. In a tremendous effort to protect the citizens of Iraq, the Patriots positioned thousands of concrete barriers in the Baghdad area of responsibility, thus allowing the people of Iraq to return to markets and public areas with a greater sense of safety.

Who we are, and where we come from

The 1060th Transportation Co. has a very unique chemistry. It's made up of Soldiers from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, parents and grandparents. Aside from being trained Soldiers, they brought many civilian talents to the fight, including law enforcement, firefighter, mason, mechanics, and construction

Loading a PLS at Camp Taji, Iraq. Top: Spec. Brendan Ruiz, Spec. Luke Demauro. Bottom (left to right): Spec. Christina Raad, Sgt. Melissa Douty, Staff Sgt. John Lolos and Spec. Takia Rust. (Photo: 1st Lt. Matthew King)

worker. Many of the Soldiers have college degrees. They came from units all over the state and beyond. There were only six short weeks together before leaving to the mobilizations station.

The 1060th was a line haul unit trained on tractor trailers. The equipment they fell in on was the palletized loading system. The PLS is an all-terrain truck designed to move ammunition. It has a hydraulic arm that that can load and unload a fully loaded flat rack onto the back of the truck. The system includes a trailer that doubles its capacity. A flat rack can be dropped directly onto the ground, loaded or unloaded by troops, and then picked up again. A loading dock or equipment is not necessary. The system was used to move everything from water to concrete blast barriers to ammunition.

Training

Most Soldiers from the 1060th had never seen a PLS before. They had a lot of training to do to get the job done overseas while at its mobilization station, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. While there, they prepared legal and medical documentation and trained for the deployment. Aside from adjusting to full-time military status, training was often around the clock. The living conditions consisted of a single bay per platoon. Soldiers streamlined their living areas and filled all the bunks, both top and bottom. The menu at Camp Atterbury was good news for dieters. The salad was fresh and delicious. The rest of the menu did not compare. Soldiers wore heavy body armor whenever outside, despite stifling humidity and temperatures pushing 100 degrees.

A sad day

Sgt. Robert Lang died of a heart attack on Aug. 21, 2006. He was on leave from the mobilization station when it happened. He was from a family with a proud tradition of military service. Lang's life was honored at an emotional ceremony at Camp Atterbury. His platoon, First Platoon, planned and carried out the ceremony with great thoughtfulness and respect for their fallen comrade. There was not a dry eye in the chapel. Lang is sorely missed.

Across the pond

When the 1060th Patriots arrived at Kuwait they realized that the dry heat is, in fact, like an oven. Groggy from the long plane ride, getting off the plane was surreal. It looked like the desert, but most of all – it felt like the desert. Sweat evaporates so quickly that troops stay dry. Temperatures approached 130 degrees while the unit was there. There was bottled water, tarps for shade, generators and tents everywhere. On the first trip to the dining facility they discovered the food is better than at Camp Atterbury. They executed more training in Kuwait before finally going to Iraq.

Home away from home

When the Soldiers arrived on Taji, they discovered there were some vegetation and a little humidity. The temperatures reached into the 120's while they were there. The winter temperatures dropped to near freezing at night. There was no snow, but it rained a lot. The fine desert sand does not absorb the rain, so there was deep, sticky mud on the ground. It seemed to get everywhere.

Soldier's success

The Soldiers of the 1060th Transportation Co. made every aspect of the mission happen. The company was commanded by Capt. Wayne Libbey. 1st. Sgt. Trevor George executed the role of first sergeant while 1st Sgt. Wayne Johnson took over at the end of the tour. Soldiers worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to get every facet of the job done. While transportation missions rolled in and out, Soldiers were constantly on-call to protect their sector as part of the base defense plan. One of the first duties was for a group assigned to C Company to run the base towers and gates. The entire company had a role in the event of a breach of the base defense; it would safeguard civilians working on post. They would clear buildings in their sector of any enemies.

The Soldiers of the 1060th epitomized the saying that nothing happens until something moves. They planned and executed transportation for the

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Second Platoon at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. (Photo: 1st Lt. Matthew King)

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troop surge along with other companies in the battalion. They moved the equipment necessary for the repositioning of units into the Baghdad AO. The unit brought the first loads to brand new forward operating bases. The life-blood of materials and equipment to sustain the main effort in greater Baghdad was delivered on time. Soldiers drove over the most dangerous roads in Iraq. They conquered such hazards as dangerous weather conditions, limited visibility, slippery roads, enemy-improvised explosive devices and small arms fire. There were no days off.

Sections

The headquarters section was charged with tracking all the data on Soldiers throughout the deployment. This was a daunting task with the amount of personnel actions and required documentation. The supply section was busy supplying all the materials necessary to get the job done. They tracked millions of dollars of weapons, equipment and supplies. The headquarters section met rigorous garrison standards despite the constraints of being in a combat zone.

The maintenance section kept equipment rolling at a 98 percent operational readiness rate, much higher than the theater average. They handled larger repairs and assisted in supervising operator level services. Without their efforts, the fleet of PLSs would not roll.

The operations section, led by Johnson and Silva, balanced a massive amount of requirements with limited available resources. The tremendous logistical demand on the company was constantly felt in operations. They worked constantly to task personnel and equipment to get the job done. Operations tracked all progress using the latest satellite and communications technology available as well as old fashioned networking.

The headquarters, operations and maintenance sections supported a tremendous operation.

Platoons

The platoon leaders and platoon sergeants cultivated strong camaraderie among the platoons. Platoon leadership, including squad leaders and staff sergeants, executed the pivotal role of mission commander. The mission commanders used troop leading procedures to make the mission happen. Drivers and truck commanders made up the bulk of the effort. They executed expertly each and every time. The operational tempo was furious due to the troop surge and high level of activity in the AO. The 1060th Transportation Co. accumulated more than twice the mileage of the unit they replaced.

The challenge

There was the 30,000 troop surge requiring thousands of tons of equipment to be moved. Soldiers moved a striker brigade near the border with Turkey south to the Baghdad area. Once the combat troops were in position, the transportation company worked feverishly to support their operations. Every type of cargo imaginable was hauled.

Thousands of barriers were delivered as part of the security plan. They were frequently unloaded off post with only gun trucks for security. Barriers were placed in markets and high traffic areas to mitigate the effects of insurgent bombs. They were also positioned to fortify Coalition Forces, and Iraqi army and police facilities.

Critical tasks

Many Soldiers were tasked to operate the gun trucks. They provided convoy security for the 1060th and other units. These Soldiers provided the firepower to keep the others in the convoy safe. They reacted courageously and professionally to every enemy attack. They maintained an aggressive posture and watched for any potential hazards. They discovered hidden IEDs and repelled SAF. Every mission was executed successfully, thanks to the security they provided.

During a year long deployment, Soldier morale is crucial to safely accomplish the mission. At the same time, it is a huge challenge to maintain a high state of morale. Soldiers tasked to the morale, welfare and recreation facility met this challenge head on. They operated 24 hours a day – every day – to make resources available. They managed banks of phones and computers for Soldiers to stay connected with family and friends back home. They organized movies, books and magazines to be available. An improvised theater was set up. Over the course of the year, improvements in furniture and the building itself were added.

A team was tasked with helping the dining facility staff. Soldiers assigned there helped with all aspects of food service to thousands of troops and other occupants of Camp Taji. Some Soldiers guarded the dining facility. No one without proper identification was allowed inside. Contract workers on post were searched every time before entering the facility. They ensured the security of thousands of people in a critical building.

Third Platoon at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. (Photo: Spec. Richard Croteau)

The commander's intent was satisfied with the safe and successful execution of the wartime mission. The Soldiers executed a vital job. The job challenged everyone to do their best. They went above and beyond to get their job done. When the people of America asked for help, the 1060th Transportation Company proudly answered the call to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. ✯

Former Wartime Service Shoulder Sleeve Insignia Ceremony Held in the U.S. Embassy

Lt. Col. Frank Rangel and Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Craig present the 89th Shoulder Sleeve Insignia to Capt. Nathan Wilder and 1st Sgt. Shane Rioux.

BAGDAD, Iraq – The rotunda of the United States Embassy, Iraq, which just 15 hours earlier rattled with the impact of incoming mortar rounds, now echoed with the sound of Soldiers of the 1st 101st Field Artillery sounding off with their battery motto, *"In The Pursuit of Excellence."*

A true example of the resilience of the commitment of the National Guard Soldiers from Massachusetts with the great expanse of the rotunda filled with pride as they were presented with the 89th Military Police Brigade shoulder sleeve insignia.

The former wartime service shoulder sleeve insignia or combat patch ceremony is a time honored tradition in which Soldiers who have actively participated in or supported ground combat operations against hostile forces and are exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire are recognized for their wartime service. In attendance were the 89th Military Police Brigade Commander, Col. Michael Galloucis, Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Sampson, the 720th Military Police Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Frank Rangel, and Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Craig.

The battery formation was brought to attention by the battery 1st Sgt. Shane D. Rioux who turned over the formation, 145 strong, to the commander, Capt. Nathan Wilder, on July 11, 2007. The ceremony began with the playing of our national anthem, followed by an invocation by Sgt. Alaric Hunter. Sgt. 1st Class John Porazinski, the narrator for the ceremony, then gave a short history of the 101st FA, highlighting the many accomplishments of the unit beginning with the Revolutionary War and spanning the American timeline to today's Global War on Terror.

Rangel and Craig then presented the 89th shoulder sleeve insignia to Wilder and Rioux who proceeded to present the insignia to the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants of the 101st. As the song *"American Soldier"* by Toby Keith played, all patches were presented to the individual Soldiers in the four platoons by their platoon leaders and platoon sergeants.

The battery was then addressed by Galloucis, Rangel and Wilder on a job well done over the last 11 months and the pride associated with both the unit and its service. The ceremony then came to a close with the singing of the Army song.

Galloucis took advantage of this opportunity to recognize six Soldiers of the battery with a short award ceremony. The Army Commendation Medal with Valor was presented to Staff Sgt. Anthony Farese, Staff Sgt. Christopher Scherer, Staff Sgt. Marco Diaz, Staff Sgt. Eric Call, Spc. Angel Delacruz and Spc. Jason Kane of 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon for their actions during a complex attack on their personal security detail. ✯

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BENSON JESSICA M ..... DET. 4, HHC 3-126TH AVN
BERGGREN NICOLAS K ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
BERRY LAUREN E ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BISHOP AMANDA D ..... DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN
BLAIS ROBERT J ..... 1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
BOND SARAH L ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
BRAVO MARTINEZ D ..... HHT 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
BRYANT RONALD R ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
BURDICK JOSHUA W ..... DET 1 HHC BDE SPC TRPR BN
BURKE DEANA M ..... 972nd MP CO (REAR)
BURNEY ETHAN D ..... MA ARNG MEDICAL COMMAND
BUSCH DAVID ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
BUSSIERE RYAN M ..... A CO 126TH CS BATTALION
BUTTS MARK A ..... CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
CABRAL BRANDON D ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
CAHILL RYAN L ..... 189TH EN TM (ASPHALT)
CANTONI JONATHON M ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
CARUSO JOHN P JR ..... G CO 126TH CS BATTALION
CHAO SOVANNARA ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
CHECCHI RYAN C ..... E CO 126TH CS BATTALION
CIRIACO LUIS D ..... CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
COLAMECO PAUL M ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
COLE AARON CAMERON D ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
COLLINS WADE C ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
CONNORS MICHAEL P ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
COOLEY DAVID J ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
COOPER EDWARD ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
CORMIER ALLYSON B ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
CORMIER JASON MICHAEL P ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
CORREA WILLIAM A ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
CORREIA GREGORY B ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
CORREIA LUISA ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
COSTA SARAH N ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
COTE RAYMOND R JR ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
COX RICHARD J III ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
CROWLEY ADAM J ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
DAVIS NATHAN A ..... BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
DAYTON JOSEPH D ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
DECOSTA JONATHAN R ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
DELGADO LUIS E ..... HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
DEPINA CARLOS JR ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
DESREUISSEAU SHANE M ..... SIG NETWORK SPT CO BSTB
DEVANEY IAN D ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
DIMONTE MICHAEL A ..... 180 EN DET (FIREFIGHTING)
DUNNAN JASON A ..... DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT) (
DUPELLE NICKOLAS E ..... B CO 126TH CS BATTALION
DUTRA BRYAN J ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
DWYER JARED M ..... DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
DYKSTRA JOSHUA T ..... CO D 3RD BN 126TH AVN
EGAN JESSICA L ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
ELLIS AMY M ..... DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT)
ESPINAL ANNA L ..... D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
EVANS ROBERT A ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
FAIRBANKS RYAN W ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
FERREIRA DEREK S ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
FIELD NATHAN J ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
FINCH ANDREW J ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
FLECHSIG CHRISTOPHER P ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
FLEMING HOLLY E ..... 125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
FLETCHER DONALD M ..... 272 CHEMICAL CO (-DET 2)
FLOOD CHRISTOPHER S ..... HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
FOSDICK WILLIAM R ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
FOSTER JOSEPH S ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
FRANCIS DANA J ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
FULLER BRIAN M ..... HHD 26TH PERS SVC DET
GAVELIS TOMAS A ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION (453)
GELTRUDE JOSHUA A ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
GENTRY JAMES M ..... 1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
GIBBONS MELISSA D ..... 101ST FINANCE DETACHMENT
GIBSON THOMAS Z ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
GIORDANO WILLIAM G II ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
GONTHIER MATTHEW J ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
GONYEA DARSHAN D ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
GONZALEZ PHILIP B III ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
GRAY CANDRIA L ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
HAMEL CRISTINA M ..... G CO 126TH CS BATTALION
HANF JAMES E JR ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
HANLON EDWARD E IV ..... MI CO BSTB
HARSH BRANDON R ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
HEHIR MATTHEW F ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
HERRERARAMOS CARLOS M ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
HUDSON STERLING P ..... HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
JARVIS DONALD R ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
KEOUGH MICHAEL P ..... 125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
KIMANI THEOPHILO M ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
KLUFTS ANTHONY J ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
LABELLE GREGORY E ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
LAFFERTY KRYSTAL M ..... HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
LAMONTAGNE ASHLEY M ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
LATOUR ANTHONY T III ..... DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT)
LE CHRISTINA M ..... CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
LEAB PHILLIP W ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
LEBLANC SEAN A ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
LIZOTTE CHRISTOPHER P ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
LOKERSON SHANE D ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
LOMBARDO VINCENT A ..... 972nd MP CO (REAR)
LOPES ELVIS G ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
LYONS JOHN R III ..... DET 1 HHC BDE SPC TRPR BN
MACEACHERN BRETT J ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
MACHADO ALEXANDER G ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
MAJOROWSKI DANIEL ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
MALLET WILLIAM J ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
MARSTON LAURA A ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
MARTEL ASHLEY J ..... HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
MARTIN ERIK J ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MARTIN SEAN M ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
MASON MICHAEL G JR ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MATOS LUIS F ..... CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
MATTA EMMANUEL ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
MAY STEPHEN C ..... B TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
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MCCANN PETER J ..... CO D 3RD BN 126TH AVN
MCCROHAN TIMOTHY R ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
MELANSON HEATHER R ..... 1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
MELVILLE RYAN E ..... CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
MENDOZA JONATHAN ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
MINGHELLA DAVID E ..... CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
MINOR JACOB A ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
MOGINOT JACOB L ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER) REAR
MONTEIRO CIEARA R ..... 972nd MP CO (REAR)
MULCAHY THOMAS J ..... CO D 1ST BN 181 INF
MULLEN STEPHEN P ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MUNCY ALEXANDRA L ..... HQ 101ST REGIMENT (RTI)
MUNSTIS DAVID J ..... CO D 3RD BN 126TH AVN
MURPHY KARLEEN M ..... 125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
NEYLON KIMBERLY A ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
NICHOLS MICHAEL A ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
NIETODAVILA MIGUEL M ..... CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
NORENA JOSHUA A ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
NUTILE PAUL M ..... DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN
OFOSU EVANS O ..... 125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
OLANIYI KAREEM A ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
OLIVEIRA RODRIGO D ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
OSTER CHRISTIAN W ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
PARKER CHRISTOPHER C ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PARRISH SCOTT R ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
PATENAUDE WALTER R ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
PAYNE MICHAEL L ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
PETERS ADAM F ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
PHAY THIP ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
PHILIPPE ISAAC ..... MI CO BSTB
POWELL SAMANTHA A ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
PUJOLS STEVEN ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
PURINTON MICAH S ..... DET 1 CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
RAMSAY SAMUEL J ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
RENDE JESSE A ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
REVETT COREY O ..... DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
RIBEIRO ALEXANDRE S ..... HHD 164TH TRANS BN
RICHARD MICHAEL W ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
RINCON JUPITER M ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
RODGERS MICHAEL P ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2

ROMAN LUZDELIS .....DET 1 HHC BDE SPC TRPR BN
ROQUE LEE A .....HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
ROSE ROBERT R III .....B CO 126TH CS BATTALION
ROYDS ELIZA B .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
RUIZ DANEL A .....C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
SALMI PAUL A JR .....110TH MAINTENANCE CO
SANTOS ALEXIS .....C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
SCACE JACOB F .....DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
SCARALE ASHLEY M .....HHD 211TH MP BN
SCHNUPP JOSEPH EIII .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
SCOTT FLEMING R .....110TH MAINTENANCE CO
SEXTON DEREK R .....1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
SHEEDY COLIN P .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
SHERBURNE DOMINIQUE E .....26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
SHOLOMITH JOSEPH M JR .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
SHONG ODEN S .....125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
SILVA DERRICK M .....272 CHEMICAL CO (-DET 2)
SMITH JONATHAN D JR .....A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
SOKOLOWSKI RICHARD E .....HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
SOUSA THOMAS J .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
STANTON ZACHARY J .....A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
SYLVIA VICTORIA L .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
TEMPESTA MATTHEW M .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
THEBADO SHAWN J .....HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
THOMPSON DAVID J .....HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
THRASHER ALAN M .....747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
TOLAND SEILEEN M .....26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
TOLEDO DOROTHY M .....26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
TOLEDO ISMAEL JR .....SIG NETWORK SPT CO BSTB
TUPER SETH T .....DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
TURNER ADAM W .....HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
TURNER ALLISON M .....1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
VILLANUEVAGONZALEZ JOSE N .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
WAGNER MICHAEL M .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
WARNER SCOTT A .....125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
WATERFALL BENJAMIN M .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
WELCH MARC K .....110TH MAINTENANCE CO
WELIVER JAMES T .....DET 1 CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
WELLS JUSTIN R .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
WOODBERRY TYRONE D .....26TH MILITARY POLICE CO

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ABRAMS STEVEN C .....HHC 101ST ENGR BN FWD
ABREU TIAGO J .....DET 5, CO E 3-126 AV
ACEVEDO JORGE A .....CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
ALLEN BRENTON C .....125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
ALVARADO, PAUL .....104 MAINTENANCE SQ
BAKER WARREN R JR .....CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
BARDWELL JUSTIN M .....CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
BARSANTI DOMINIC J .....BTRY A 1ST BN 101 FA
BENNETT ANDREW M .....BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
BERMUDEZ, JOHN A .....131 FIGHTER SQ
BOUTELLE AUGUSTIN R .....HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
BREAULT, JOHNNY Y .....104 LOGISTICS READINES SQ
BROWN CHANTALE N .....HHD 164TH TRANS BN
BROWN NICHOLAS A .....215TH ARMY BAND
BROWN, SHELEEN R .....104 MAINTENANCE SQ
BRYER MATTHEW J .....C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
BULGER RAYMOND C .....HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
CARBONEAU, DANIEL G .....104 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
CASEY BRIAN T .....HHT 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
CHIN JASON A .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
CLARK KEVIN A .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
COLBY ALEX A .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
CONCEPCION NYOMIE .....HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
CORMIER JOHN J .....HHD 26TH PERS SVC DET
CORONELLA PAUL A JR .....772 MP CO CBT SPT FWD
CORREIA RUSSELL S JR .....215TH ARMY BAND
DADAH MICHAEL J .....HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
DAILEY MICHAEL A JR .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
DEANGELIS JAMES D JR .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
DEGRANDPRE AMBER D .....HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
DEMAIO MATTHEW D .....CO E 3RD BN 126TH AVN
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DENERT RADOSLAW .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
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DRISCOLL, TIMOTHY J .....104 SECURITY FORCES SQ
DZBENSKI NATHAN M .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
EDOUARD MARILYN .....HHC/26 BCT FWD 9 (MP)
EMERSON THOMAS M .....HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
ERWIN PATRICK J .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
FELICIANO, JEANETTE .....104 MAINTENANCE OPS FT
FLEMING PATRICK M .....1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
FLYNN STEVEN R .....E CO 126TH CS BATTALION
FORD, MICHAEL J JR .....104 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
FRATAZZI KENNETH B .....CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
FULLER THOMAS M .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
GAGNON STEPHEN F .....HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
GARLISI CHAD V .....HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
GILLETTE LAWRENCE M .....1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
GONYER JENNIFER E .....DET 3, B CO, 638 SPT BN
GONZALEZ MIGUEL A .....747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
GOODFELLOW MICHAEL T .....CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
GOTOVICH KATHERINE L .....MA ARNG MEDICAL COMMAND
GOVONI KATIE M .....HHC/26 BCT FWD 9 (MP)
GROSSO MICHAEL V .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
GUZMAN KEVIN A .....E CO 126TH CS BATTALION
HANNAN KATHLEEN .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
HARRIS ANTHONY D .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
HAUGHEY JOHN J .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
HEBERT, NICOLAS J .....104 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
HENSLEY DARYL J .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
HERNANDEZ ERIC J .....CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
HICKEY IAN P .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
JACKSON LINCELL A .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
JARVIS JOHN J .....DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT)
JEHLICKA CHRISTOPHER C .....G CO 126TH CS BATTALION
JESSE TIMOTHY J .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
JIMENEZ MELVIN JR .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
JONES RYAN C .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
KANE JOHN D .....CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
KENNEDY KEVIN S .....1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
KING CARL M .....CO A 1ST BN 181 INF
KINSMAN SHAUN M .....182 EN CO (SAPPER) REAR
LABELLA MARCELINO .....HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
LAM TAI T .....ENGINEER CO (-) BSTB
LANE BRANDON M .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
LANGONE ANTHONY M .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
LANING THOMAS M .....B TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
LAVALLEE JAMES J .....FSC, 101 EN BN
LEDUC JONATHAN M .....CO D/1-181 IN BN FWD (LDR)
LIBERTY CHRISTOPHER J .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
LIMA BARRY J JR .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
LOPEZ LUIS F .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
LORIZIO JOSEPH P JR .....A TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
LU QI .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
MACUTKIEWICZ, ZACHARY R .....104 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
MALOUF GEORGE J .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
MANIERO DAVID M .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MARCHIONE MICHAEL T .....125TH QUARTERMASTER CO
MARTINEZ SANTOS C .....DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
MARTINS JONATHAN M .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MATTHESS NICHOLOUS A .....CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
MCALISTER, IAN O .....104 MAINTENANCE SQ
MCKEON JOHN D .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
MELBERG CHRISTOPHER M .....B TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
MELLO RYAN C .....181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
MILLER JOSHUA J .....CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
MILLS JEFFERY P .....A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
MORALES ERNESTO M .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
MORROGH RICHARD P .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
MULLEN JOHN J III .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
MYERS ANN M .....772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
NEREY RAFAEL E .....C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
NEWMAN JOSHUA B .....DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN
NICHOLSON, DANIEL A .....104 MAINTENANCE SQ
NIXON, NEISHA N .....104 FIGHTER WG
OBRIEN JOSEPH H .....G CO 126TH CS BATTALION
OBRIEN ROBERT T .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
OCONNELL, PATRICK W .....104 MAINTENANCE SQ
OGORMAN DANIEL J .....HHC/26 BCT FWD 9 (MP)
OUELLETTE MARK M .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
PASTOS DIMITRIOS A .....D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
PLETT FREDERICK J .....MI CO BSTB
POWERS CASSIE M .....HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
PROULX JOSHUA A .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
PUZZO RYAN J .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
RAMELLI FRANK D .....JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
READ, JOSHUA A .....131 FIGHTER SQ
RICCI MICHAEL D .....DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT)
RICHARDS ALAN J .....747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
ROBBINS MICHAEL P .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
RODRIGUES JORGE L .....182 EN CO (SAPPER)
RODRIGUEZ JULIO .....972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
RODRIGUEZ MANUEL P .....DET 1, C CO., 1-224 AV
SABALL JOSEPH A JR .....C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
SARVER AARON T .....CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
SCIALDONE KYLE T .....182 EN CO (SAPPER) REAR
SHEA CHRISTOPHER J .....HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
SHTUDINER ALEXANDER P .....C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
SILVA MARILYN A .....DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN
SKLUT, JOSEPH P .....102 STUDENT FT
SMITH, ADAM C .....104 MAINTENANCE OPS FT
SOBCZYK, WESLEY J .....104 COMMUNICATIONS FT
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TAVARES OSVALDINO R ..... CO A 1ST BN 181 INF
TEDONE, CHRISTOPHER T ..... 104 STUDENT FT
THOMAS ALBERT M ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
TRUONG PHAT H ..... DET. 1, 181 EN CO (VERT)
VALERA JOAQUIN A ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
VARGAS WILLIAM ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
WALSH WILLIAM J ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
WEBSTER BRENTON A ..... 215TH ARMY BAND
WHEELER ANDREW K ..... CO D, 1-181 IN BN FWD 2
WHITE DAVID L ..... C TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
WILSON JEROME D ..... D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
WILSON, WAYNE A ..... 104 SECURITY FORCES SQ
WOLFGANG, AARON G ..... 102 SECURITY FORCES SQ
WYNN CHRISTOPHER L ..... HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
ZAMY ANTOINE ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO

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ALLEN RICHARD C ..... MAARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 26
ALVES PIERRE A JR ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
ARENA, NICOLE M ..... 102 MISSION SUPPORT FT
ANDERSON ERIC J ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
BOURASSA, RICHARD P ..... 102 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FT
BARBEE SYKI P ..... A CO 126TH CS BATTALION
BARDEN STEPHEN E ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BASSO ANTHONY J ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
BENHAM, ADAM V ..... 567 AIR FORCE BD
ROBERNARD DAVID A ..... CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
BIGELOW, THOMAS W ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ
BLACK JAMIE LEE D ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BORDEN ROBERT J ..... HQ 101ST REGIMENT (RTI)
BRADBURY AARON F ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BRODEUR RAYMOND E JR ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
CABRAL MARK A ..... CAMP EDWARDS TNG SITE
CAMACHO TROY J ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
CARACAPPA QUBECK, AMY L ..... 267 COMBAT COMM SQ
CARLSON ANDREW D ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
COLE SETH D ..... HQ 101ST REGIMENT (RTI)
COOK RICHARD A ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
COWING PAUL J ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 7
CYGANIEWICZ JOHN A ..... A CO 126TH CS BATTALION
DECESARE, ANTHONY D ..... 104 MAINTENANCE SQ
DEHNICK, PHILIP M ..... 102 MAINTENANCE SQ
DEMAURO LUKE A ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
DESROCHES WILLIAM J ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
DESROSIERS JOHN W ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
DEVEAU JOSEPH A JR ..... 1060TH TRANSPORTATION CO
DUTRA, LOUIS A ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ
ELLIS LANCE PHILLIP JR ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
ERICKSON STEPHEN M II ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
EVANS DOUGLAS T ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
FALORNI JONATHAN F ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
FERNANDES HONORIO ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
FLYNN STEPHEN JOHN ..... BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
FONTAINE CHRISTOPHER J ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
FOX THOMAS A JR ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
FRAZIER JOHN S ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
GEORGENES RYAN G ..... DET 1, CO F 3-126 AV
GIBBONS SEAN A ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
GRAY SEAN K ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
GREAR DENOHBEH L ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
GREEN, SHEENA N ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
HALLORAN, JOHN J III ..... 102 MAINTENANCE SQ
HATCH, ADAM MICHAEL ..... 104 MAINTENANCE
HENNESSEY HEATHER M ..... A CO 126TH CS BATTALION
JESSOP CHRISTOPHER ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
JOYCE, RYAN P ..... 104 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
KARATHANASOPOULOS V ..... 972nd MP CO (REAR)
KERR DAVID D ..... CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
KLEM PRESTON T ..... HHD 164TH TRANS BN
KOWALSKI MATTHEW J ..... CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
LAFLECHE ARMAND L ..... CO C/1-20TH SFG (REAR)
LEE VANG P ..... CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
LIBRO NICHOLAS R ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
LITTLE KEVIN J ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
LOPEZ DAVID CLARENCE N ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
LORENSON TIMOTHY J ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
MACDONALD SHAWN P ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
MACKENZIE, MATTHEW A ..... 101 FIGHTER SQ
MARCOTTE PETER T ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
MARGERUM NATHAN W ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
MARTELLE, JAYSON A ..... 104 COMMUNICATIONS FT
MCCARTIN JOHN F ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
MCGAVIN MELISSA S ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
MILLER LARRY D ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
MILLETT, JODY M ..... 104 SECURITY FORCES SQ
MOLIS ELI D ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
MORRISSETTE JOHN P ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
NEE THOMAS J ..... BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
NELSON SHELLY A ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
NOBLE JULIE L ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
NORTON WILLIAM P ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
OCASIO CHRISTOPHER G ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
ORTIZ CHRISTOPHER E ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PATE BRIAN J ..... 181 EN COMPANY (VERTICAL)
PAVONE MICHAEL R ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PELLETIER DANIEL K ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PETERSEN, DEBRA L ..... 104 LOGISTICS READINES SQ
PEREZ WILFREDO F ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PORRECA JOHN P ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
RIORDAN, JEAN F ..... 102 FIGHTER WG
REIS AARON ..... CO C 1ST BN 181 INF
REYES NAOMI L ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
SABAU ALEXANDRU C ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
SABOO RUSSELL C ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
SEELEY JEREMIAH J ..... BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
SHEEHAN ROBERT W ..... E CO 126TH CS BATTALION
SHEFFIELD, ASHLEY M ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
SOUZA MELISSA A ..... 51ST TROOP COMMAND
SPETRINI LISA M ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
SKILTON, DANIEL T ..... ENG INSTL SQ
SPICER MICHAEL P ..... CO A 1-181 INF (REAR)
SUSS SAMANTHA A ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
THOMPSON THOMAS R III ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
TORRES KERRI M ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
TOUY JERSOUK ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
TRACEY RAYMOND P ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
VALENTIN LUIS A ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
WAGHER PATRICK E ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
WESTGATE GARY J ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
WONKKA PHILIP D ..... HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
ZIMMERMAN MICHELE A ..... A CO 126TH CS BATTALION

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AMYOT JENNIFER M ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
ANDERSON SHAWN T ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
BAILEY NEIL T ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
BARROWS CHRIS ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
BARTON JAMEY R ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
BELAND CHARLES A ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
BENOIT SARAH E ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BONNEAU, RANDY B ..... 102 FIGHTER WG
BORGES ARMANDO T ..... CO E 3RD BN 126TH AVN
BRACE, LARRY R ..... 104 MAINTENANCE SQ
BUSTARD TERRANCE J ..... 379TH ENGR CO (HORIZ)
CALL ERIC J ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
CONDO, GERALD G ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ
CONVENIENCIA F ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
COOK JOHN L ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
COVEL MICHAEL J JR ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
DEINES JASON J ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
DEVER THOMAS J ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
DIAZ EDWARD L ..... MI CO BSTB
DONLON ROBERT J ..... CO C/1-20TH SFG (REAR)
ELLIOT KATHERINE R ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
EVANS, DAROLD F ..... 102 MAINTENANCE OPS FT
FERLAND ROBERT J ..... CO C/1-181 IN (REAR)
FOLEY JOSEPH T ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
FORD DANIEL R ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
FOSTER, KEITH A ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ FFL9N0
FOURNIER, BRIAN M ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ FFL9N0
FUCARILE DAVID R II ..... B CO 126TH CS BATTALION
GINGRAS WILFRED A III ..... B TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
GREENDALE ALAN H SR ..... HHT 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
GRIFFITH IRVING H JR ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
GOODWIN, KATHLEEN A ..... 102 MEDICAL GP
GUTIERREZ WAYNE R ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
HALSTEAD, RICHARD A ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
MERRIHEW, KEVIN J ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
HETRICK PAUL P ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
HIGGINS WILLIAM J ..... B TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
JESTER BRIAN S ..... CO E 3RD BN 126TH AVN
JONES DAVID A ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
JONES VERNON T JR ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
KERRIGAN MARC J ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
KOCHKA, DONALD V JR ..... 102 MAINTENANCE SQ
KUEHNE DAVID B ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
KUPIECFOX CHRISTY M ..... DET. 4, HHC 3-126TH AVN
LAFRANCE SHAMUS M ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
LANDRY DANIEL A ..... 110TH MAINTENANCE CO
LANE ROBERT T ..... HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
LUKE DEVON E ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
MACARTHUR STEVEN E ..... HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
MAYARD HANSEN D ..... B CO 126TH CS BATTALION
MCNAMARA NICOLE M ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
MCNEILL, AMY T ..... 102 MEDICAL GP FFL9B0
MILLEDGE KEIN M ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
MILLER, ROBERT R ..... 102 SECURITY FORCES SQ
MOJICA STEVEN S ..... HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
MONTEIRO ANASOFIA O ..... HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
MOORE, TIMOTHY C ..... 102 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
OSBORNE CHESTER A ..... CO C 1ST BN 20 SFG
OTTAVIANO DAVID P ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
PAPAGNO DANIEL R ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
PEREIRA DAVID A ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
PHILBECK, LANE H ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ
PILLAI SEAN B ..... 972nd MP CO (REAR)
REYNOLDS GREGORY A ..... 1058TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
RODRIGUES NELIO V ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
RONCARATI, MICHAEL J ..... MSG 104 MAINTENANCE SQ
ROJASRODRIGUEZ JOSUE A ..... HHC 101ST ENGR BN FWD
RONCARATI, MICHAEL J ..... 104 MAINTENANCE SQ
ROSARIO JACQUELINE A ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
SABATINELLI, ERIC J ..... 102 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
SCANLAN JAMES D ..... 972ND MILITARY POLICE CO
SCHAEFER JEREMIAH H ..... D CO 126TH CS BATTALION
STOCKWELL, MATTHEW R ..... 102 FIGHTER WG
SOUSA THOMAS A ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
SPERA DANIEL A ..... 26TH MILITARY POLICE CO
TREMBLAY MONIQUE P ..... 1ST CIVIL SPT TEAM (WMD)
TURNER, KEITH V ..... 102 FIGHTER WG
VILLAHERMOSA N ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
WASHBURN CHRISTOPHER R ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8

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BEGIN RICHARD R ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
BLAZO STEPHANIE M ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
BRITTON TERRY L ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
BROOKS MICHAEL A ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 8
BROWN WILLIAM H ..... HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
CLUFF STEPHEN F ..... CO C 1ST BN 20 SFG
COTELL DIANE M ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
DAMBREVILLE S ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
DROSTE CHRISTIAN F ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
FAUCHER, MARK G ..... 212 ENG INSTL SQ
INGHAM BRUCE W ..... HHC (-) BDE SPC TRPS BN
JACKSON DAVID P ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
ORGANSKY PETER P JR ..... HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
PALAGI JAMIE E ..... CO C/1-20TH SFG (REAR)
PERRAULT JAMES E ..... 1166TH TRANS (LT/MED) TC
RODENHISER KRIS A ..... 1ST CIVIL SPT TEAM (WMD)
SCANLON JAMES W ..... 1060TH TC CO MDM TRK FWD
VENTRESCA ANTHONY M ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
WONDERLIE JEREMY E ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO

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ARMSTRONG WILLIAM J ..... 1ST CIVIL SPT TEAM (WMD)
KENNEDY LESLIE J ..... CO C 1ST BN 20 SFG
MURRAY CHRISTOPHER T ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
NG, WING K ..... 102 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ

O1

ABBOUD GEORGE J ..... HHT 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
BATH SAMUEL B ..... 772ND MILITARY POLICE CO
BOROWIEC ANDREW M ..... A TRP 1ST SQDN 182ND CAV
HANNA DANY N ..... MI CO BSTB
PARODI EMILY M ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
PETERSON ADAM R ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)

O2

ALVES MARYANN B ..... CO C DET 1 3RD BN 126 AVN
BAGLEY JOSHUA J ..... DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN
BARRETT JEFFREY R ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE FWD 4
BARRETT RICHARD M ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
BIANCA JOSEPH C ..... DET 1 CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
BONAVITA STEVEN M ..... DET 1 ENGINEER CO BSTB
BOUCHARD MICHAEL R ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
CUNNINGHAM GEOFFREY J ..... CO D 3RD BN 126TH AVN
GAUTHIER MARK C ..... BTRY B 1ST BN 101 FA
GOULD THOMAS L ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE FWD 4
JINKS ROBERT G ..... CO A 1ST BN 181 INF
KLAY SEAN M ..... CO A 1ST BN 181 INF
LALLY MICHAEL P ..... CO A 3RD BN 126TH AVN
MAVRELIS LANDON S ..... DET. 3, HQ, 42 ID
ONEILL RUSSELL S ..... 182 EN CO (SAPPER)
ORTEGA ANTHONY J ..... 747TH MILITARY POLICE CO
RICHARDS JASON C ..... CO B 1ST BN 181 INF
RIMOCZY JOHN P ..... CO D 1ST BN 181 INF
ROBERTS JOSHUA P ..... HHD 164TH TRANS BN
ROY PATRICK M ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA FWD 7
SAVAGLIO VERONICA J ..... HHD 211TH MP BN
SIMPSON JOEL M ..... B TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
SMITH BENJAMIN D ..... CO D/1-181 IN BN FWD (LDR)
TOMMELL MARK A ..... HHC 101ST ENGR BN FWD
WALTERS HARRISON E ..... HHC 101ST ENGR BN FWD
WENSON DOUGLAS F ..... B TRP 1-182ND CAV FWD
WILLIAMSBEATON STACEY H ..... MAARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 26

O3

ALDRICH MARK A ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
CHASE RICHARD D ..... HHD 151 REGIONAL SPT GRP FWD
LIMA ROBERT ..... BTRY E (TAB) 101ST FA
BARRETT MICHAEL L ..... HHC/1-181IN BN FWD5 (RAOC)
DEXTER ROBERT L ..... BTRY A 1ST BN 101 FA
GILLEN MARK P ..... HHC 26 IN BDE FWD 7
HAFEZ MOHAMED N ..... HHS 126TH CS BATTALION
MASON ANDREW J ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
MEDRANO ELADIO F ..... HHS 1ST BN 101ST FA
MELLY BRENDAN J ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)
PLUMLEE MEGHANN O ..... 188TH EN DET (FAC MGT)
WHITE KURT T ..... DET. 1, HSC, 101 EN BN

O4

ALLAIN MICHAEL S ..... C CO 126TH CS BATTALION
GALLAGHER EDWARD P ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
LANDERS FRANCIS M ..... HHC 1ST BN 181 INF
MURRAY MICHELLE M ..... HHD 151 REGIONAL SPT GRP FWD
SCHNEIDER WILLIAM L ..... MASS MEDICAL CBHCO FWD

O5

MERLINO MARK A ..... HSC (-) 101 EN BN
OLOUGHLIN EDWARD J ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
OREGAN DANIEL F ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS

O6

CONLEY JOHN W ..... HHC 26TH INF BDE (YANKEE)

O7

SELLARS THOMAS J ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS
TURLEY, FRANCIS A. ..... JFHQ MA ANG

W01

ANDERSON MICHAEL G ..... CO C DET 1 3RD BN 126 AVN
BALTER ANDREW J ..... HHC 3RD BN 126TH AVN
COUTURE ANDREA M ..... MA ARNG REC AND RET CMD
YARGER CHRISTOPHER L ..... HHD 164TH TRANS BN

W02

CHEN TIEN ..... CO E 223 MI BN (LING)
SLATTERY JAMES T ..... JFHQ MASSACHUSETTS

Enterprise: Above and Beyond

By Master Sgt. Pallas deBettencourt, Massachusetts National Guard Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jay Salus (left); with Ted Kehr, National Guard Bureau Employer Support Division. Salus holds a copy of the Enterprise national ad campaign in which he speaks to his dual role as a citizen and a Soldier.

Massachusetts has watched more than 7,500 extraordinary Soldiers and Airmen deploy and return in support of Operation Iraqi or Enduring Freedom since 2001. A great burden is placed on the civilian workforce in a Soldier's absence, and employers can be minimally supportive or can go over the top when it comes to their activated Guard employees.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an organization dedicated to protecting employment rights of our National Guardsmen and reservists as well as recognition for their employers who support them, recently honored Enterprise Rental and ELCO Administrative Services in Canton with the awards for their untiring supportive efforts.

Tech Sgt. Jay Sales, of the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts National Guard, a Liability Claims Administrator with ELCO Administrative Services for more than seven years, has served in Jordan, Qatar and most recently Iraq. The Massachusetts ESGR was proud to present Salus' boss, Thomas Doyle from Enterprise, with the Patriot Award and ELCO Administrative Services with the Above and Beyond Award for going the extra mile in supporting Salus' service to country.

Salus, a resident of Milford, nominated his boss for the Patriot Award for continued support of his Guard service.

"Whether it was just understanding I had an extended drill weekend, or an extensive overseas deployment taking me away from home and work, he's been behind me and what the Guard is doing from the beginning," Salus said.

Doyle, regional liability manager for Enterprise was presented the award at a ceremony attended by Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason, Adjutant General for the Massachusetts National Guard; Ted Kehr, National Guard Bureau employer support representative; and Kenneth Forchielli, state chair, Massachusetts ESGR Committee.

Forchielli presented ELCO Administrative Services, a company that made up the difference in pay while Tech. Sgt. Salus was deployed, the Above and Beyond Award for their part in supporting Salus.

"The award is presented to organizations that do more than is expected or lawfully binding. They see a need and fill it. It's the support for the service member that makes it possible for Soldiers and Airmen to give their best when called." said Forchielli.

Also in attendance were a dozen of Salus' coworkers, who Salus thanked for picking up his workload while away and their overall support for all of his efforts.

This is not the first time that Enterprise has been recognized as an excellent employer of reservists. In 2005 Enterprise received the Freedom Award from ESGR, a national honor for supporting its employees serving their country.

Salus was later featured in a national magazine ad campaign portraying his dual role as citizen and Soldier and how his employer, Enterprise Rental, has stood behind his commitment and those like him. In the ad, Salus speaks to the citizen, the Soldier and the country. A message of duty, respect and community stares back at you from the page, signifying the personal commitment and the professional integrity of organizations like Enterprise and ELCO.

"Recognizing those companies that make home life easier, and the mission overseas more focused for our Soldiers, Airmen and families, is the least we can do. Enterprise and ELCO are shining examples of corporations that support the National Guard and Reserves, and the service members who work for them," said Mason. ✯

(Left to right) Ken Forchielli, Massachusetts ESGR State Chair; Thomas Doyle, Regional Liability Manager for Enterprise; and Tech. Sgt. Jay Salus. Doyle holds the Above and Beyond Award given to Enterprise and ELCO Administrative Services for their outstanding support of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and Airmen.

Insect Repellant, Campfires & Camouflage

Story and photos by SGT June Norton, PAO

Molly from New York, holding a rooster she named "Blackbeak," talks to camp director Penny Marston.

Maleah Korlacki of Taunton, Mass., takes a break between horseback riding and swimming.

Patrick Norton of Worcester, Mass., watches as his teammates maneuver through part of the obstacle course.

There was almost as much camouflage in sight as a drill weekend, only the people wearing it were all under the age of 15. Complete with sleeping bags, backpacks and nervous smiles, they received their cabin assignments, t-shirts and water bottles, then bravely said goodbye to Mom and/or Dad.

This was the scene at the Worcester County 4-H Center's Camp Marshall in Spencer, Mass., where 250 acres of campground on the shores of Thompson Pond awaited the 79 Operation Purple campers who had come for a week of swimming, crafts and campfires. More importantly, they also came for the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings with other kids who knew exactly how they felt about being a child of a deployed military parent. I was there dropping off my 10-year-old son Patrick, who had been accepted for the program.

Operation Purple is a free summer camp program for children of military families who have had one or both parents deploy. It is held nationwide by the National Military Families Association and is sponsored by the Sierra Club, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the TriWest HealthCare Alliance.

Four years ago, the National Military Family Association received $1 million to create programs and decided to start sending military kids to camp where they could meet other kids, like themselves, who would understand what it's like to have a parent deployed. Created in the summer of 2004, the Operation Purple summer camp program was created by NMFA in order to provide tools to meet challenges of having a parent who is or was deployed. With the exception of Vermont, the 4-H camp in Spencer is the only New England location.

"I learned of Operation Purple through a partnership with Operation Military Kids," said Penny Marston, the 4-H Center director. "We thought it would be a great idea to have an Operation Purple camp here, so I applied to NMFA last year but wasn't accepted. I re-applied this year and was accepted."

"I'm having a great time", said Maleah Korlacki of Taunton, Mass. "I just got done horseback riding, and pretty soon we're going to go swimming and boating. That's really fun." Her dad, SPC Brian Korlacki, returned from being deployed with the 772nd Military Police Company in 2003.

To be considered to become an Operation Purple campsite, Marston had to meet the criteria set forth by the NMFA.

"We had to describe the camp and its activities, submit a budget and also submit a proposal of what types of military related activities we would be doing with the campers," said Marston.

The camp also had a NMFA clinician available to the campers, to help them cope with issues related to their parent being deployed. Although the counselors for Operation Purple week are the same as for the rest of the camping season, they had to attend a training session from NFMA to prepare for the special issues that military children face.

Some of the activities the campers, all between the ages of 8 and 15, enjoyed were fishing, team building skills, caring for farm animals, canoeing, horseback riding and of course, swimming. They also went on a field trip to the Massachusetts Military Reservation at Cape Cod and had some military guest speakers. There was even an Independence Day dance on

the fourth of July held in Andrews Hall, the central meeting spot for the camp.

In order for their children to be considered for the camp, parents had to submit online applications to NMFA. Priority was given to children whose parents were currently deployed, about to deploy, or had returned from deployment. Over 9,000 applications for Operation Purple camps were received this season. Unfortunately, only 4,000 had the opportunity to participate.

"The response has been amazing" said Marston, "There were 79 kids who were accepted for camp this year, plus another 30 on the waiting list and an additional 70 who applied. I wish we could have accepted more campers, because I think this is a wonderful opportunity for military kids to come together and share their experiences with other kids who understand. They can express their thoughts, concerns and feelings about their parents being deployed without the fear of being misunderstood."

My son Patrick was one of several campers with two military parents. I'm a full-time Military Technician in PAO at JFHQ and his father, SSG Michael F. Norton, Jr., deployed with Co A 118th ASMB in 2004. He told me, "My regular friends didn't really understand how I felt when my dad went to Iraq. I was scared that you would have to go too."

A military child can apply for any of the Operation Purple camps across the country, not just one in their home state. At Camp Marshall, there were campers from Maine and New York as well as several other nearby states. This program serves children not only from all military branches, but all components as well: Active duty, National Guard and reserve.

"It's cool to be around other military kids. I made friends from a lot of different places and we did a lot of stuff together", said Patrick. "We got to go fishing and I caught a red breasted sunfish. I went in a canoe with my friend Dave from Connecticut and we went really far out into the lake. I love this camp; I can't wait to come back next year."

When the camp was over and it was time to go home, the scene was much different than that of a week prior. Armed with the gift of an MP3 player from the camp, the girls exchanged tearful hugs and the boys gave each other high fives, all promising to keep in touch until next year. As we walked back to the car to go home, it seemed to me that Patrick was walking with a new sense of confidence – the kind you only get when you know someone understands where you're coming from. ✯

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What's Rockin'?

The painted rock that adorns the front of the 747th Military Police Company Armory in Ware has received some public attention. People are asking about the meaning of the insignia on the rock and the reason it was created. The rock is the work of 1st Sgt. Mike Domnarski, Sgt. 1st Class Ed Rivera and Spec. Hector Fernandez.

"The first sergeant had the rock moved to the armory by the Ware DPW," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Murphy of the 747th Military Police Company. "First Sergeant Domnarski had Sergeant First Class Rivera place it in the ground. Then he and Specialist Fernandez painted it."

The idea behind the rock is to promote esprit de corps and boost morale among unit members.

"It is also to make the general public stop, look, and wonder what we're all about," Murphy said. "Hopefully, some of them will come in and enlist."

Two Massachusetts Army National Guard Technicians Honored

Capt. Josh Goodrich, 126th Brigade Support Battalion

The Federal Executive Board of Greater Boston honored two Massachusetts National Guard Military Technicians, Spec. Sokha Ling and Sgt. 1st Class Alan Cox, at its annual Excellence in Government Awards banquet at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Brig. Gen. Oliver Mason Jr., The Adjutant General for Massachusetts, and Col. Jay Daley, Chief of Staff, Massachusetts Army National Guard, attended the momentous occasion and congratulated these two outstanding Soldiers.

The Greater Boston Federal Executive Board started the Excellence in Government Awards program in 1974 to acknowledge the "best of the best" in federal service. According to the federal executive board's literature, "Nominees represent federal employees who have distinguished themselves with exceptional performance, integrity, and dedication to public service among the more than 46,000 federal employees in the Greater Boston community."

Sokha Ling serves as a human resources specialist assigned to HQ, 126th Brigade Support Battalion in Framingham. She was one of five finalists in the "Administrative and Support Excellence" category. When asked how it felt to be a finalist Ling responded, "I am proud of the fact that I was nominated by my peers for such an honor … however, I never gave it much thought because to me an award is just a token of appreciation. My main concern is to get the job done and to take care of the Soldiers."

Sgt. 1st Class Alan Cox works at the ammunition supply point at Camp Edwards and won the category award for "Professional Employee of the Year for Law Enforcement, Public Safety, or Emergency Management."

It is a great credit to the Massachusetts National Guard to have such dedicated, professional military technicians in our ranks. ✯

SPC Sokha Ling and Capt. Joshua Goodrich.

Sgt 1st. Class Alan Cox and Maj Doris Lopilato.

Space Shuttle Exercise at Otis

By Cliff McDonald, Public Affairs Staff

Aboard the space shuttle orbiter, two of three main engines have malfunctioned just three minutes into its launch ascent from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Immediately, the shuttle commander and NASA controllers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, make a decision to abort the mission and go for an emergency landing at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod.

The Emergency Response Center at Otis, manned by the 102nd Fighter Wing, has been in operation since early morning with personnel standing by for such an unlikely crisis. Otis firefighters, emergency rescue personnel and medical staff hurry into position adjacent to the nearly two-mile-long runway to prepare for the shuttle's landing. Minutes later, they are rescuing astronauts from the burning shuttle that has crash-landed at Otis.

This time, it's only an exercise; but just the same, Otis personnel are on alert several times each year for real-world space shuttle launches. Otis personnel support all high inclination space shuttle launches over the northeastern states. To prepare for the possibility that a space shuttle might someday need to make an emergency landing at Otis, operations and rescue forces from the 102nd Fighter Wing, and medical personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station on the Massachusetts Military Reservation annually receive specialized training support from representatives of the Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office.

This year's training and exercise was conducted in late May. On the last day of training, all emergency response forces participated in a simulated emergency landing of a space shuttle. In the exercise, a military bus simulated a space shuttle making a hard landing on the actual Otis runway. Waiting medical personnel, firefighters, decontamination and bioenvironmental forces sped to the crash site in numerous vehicles. The orbiter space vehicle would be considered to be very hazardous after making a hard and short landing on the Otis runway.

Hazards include vehicle heat generated from re-entry from space into the Earth's atmosphere. Many components on the orbiter do not cool down for more than an hour after the vehicle has landed. The orbiter also contains explosive hazards that are designed to open emergency hatches and power rocket motors in flight. Chemical hazards could also present problems for Otis crash and rescue personnel who would be responsible for exiting injured astronauts from the vehicle. After a landing, the orbiter could vent several hazardous gases, such as nitrogen tetroxide, monomethyl hydrazine, ammonia and liquid hydrogen.

The astronauts in the exercise were portrayed by several enactors who play the roles of injured crewmembers. After the shuttle was scrupulously checked for hazards, firefighters egressed the astronauts from the shuttle, and medical personnel triaged and tended to the crewmembers' simulated injuries.

Chief Master Sergeant retired Fred Wadsworth, base emergency manager explained, "The reason we go through this annual training is to prepare for and support emergency response actions related to an unscheduled landing of a space shuttle at Otis. The base is particularly suited for an emergency landing of the shuttle. The combination of our geographic location, 24-hour-a-day emergency response forces, and a long runway make Otis an ideal choice for an emergency landing site. The approach to the base is over water, which makes it safer for the astronauts, should they have to bail out if they can't make it to the airfield itself.

Astronaut role players, from rear left to right, SrA. Megan Cuthbert, SrA. Marisela Garcia, Ms. Karen Woodhall, TSgt. Julie Headley and SSgt. Sarah Perry. (Photo: SrA. Kerri Cole)

An injured astronaut being treated by base Coast Guard medical personnel. (Photo: SrA. Kerri Cole)

The fact that the Coast Guard is based at Otis provides a quick response for any search and rescue operations should the shuttle land short or actually in the ocean. Coast Guard helicopters could quickly evacuate astronauts to one of Boston's many world-class medical centers.

"An actual landing at Otis is a very remote possibility," Wadsworth said. "But we do provide additional safety redundancy, a characteristic of the space shuttle program. The fact that we train for such a contingency emphasizes the commitment NASA and the Air Force have made to the safety of the astronauts. Otis is one of several airfields on the East Coast of the United States which are suitable for an emergency shuttle landing."

Minutes after a launch, when skies over the east coast of Massachusetts are clear, the orbiter can actually be easily seen from the ground with the unaided eye. It's at 68 miles above the Earth as it rockets up the East Coast at speeds approaching 17,000 mph on its way into orbit. If an emergency did occur aboard the orbiter, Otis ground personnel would only have minutes to respond. For this reason, they have all been on alert for an hour or longer in the base command post.

The Airfield Support Coordination Officer (ASCO) is the first to establish phone contact with NASA. Standing by with ASCO are the Incident Commander, Base Fire Chief, a Coast Guard medical representative, security force, bioenvironmental, and public affairs coordinators. It may be just a remote possibility, but should it ever happen, Otis Air National Guard Base would be the center of world attention for several months.

NASA is prepared to deploy more than 500 personnel from the Johnson and Kennedy space centers to support the recovery of the orbiter space vehicle. A Rapid Response Team and Mishap Investigation Team would arrive within 24 hours to safely tow the orbiter from the runway, gather information and begin an investigation process.

Tons of equipment would follow in the next few days and weeks that would allow the support team to hoist the orbiter piggyback on top of a giant Boeing 747 wide-body jumbo jet for its return flight to the Kennedy Space Center. In all, the process would be expected to take up to 90 days.

Personnel from Otis have supported space shuttle flights at the base for the past 20 years now, always on alert and ready to respond to an emergency landing on the base. However, with the flying mission of the 102nd Fighter Wing being changed to a non-flying mission, this may be the final year that the wing will respond to shuttle launches. It's not yet confirmed if the Coast Guard Air Station on the Massachusetts Military Reservation will take over the responsibility. ✯

G-RAP Continues to be a Success

By CW4 James Girard, Recruiting and Retention Command

The Guard Recruiting Assistant Program continues to be a success with 470 new Soldiers joining the Massachusetts Army National Guard since the program began in March 2006. According to Master Sgt. Robert Harrington, the G-RAP manager for the state, "We now have 2,344 Recruiter Assistants signed on in the program."

Staff Sgt. Bruce Bartiloni of the 1164th Transportation Company is once again the top recruiter assistant with 23 Soldiers nominated, 13 who have completed their contracts and seven who have shipped to basic training, earning him $26,000 for the contracts. Other notable recruiting assistants are Pfc. Chad Jones of the HHC 3rd Battalion, 126 Aviation BN and Pfc. Ryan Jones of the 181 Engineers, both with six contracts.

Units leading the state with Soldiers nominated are CO D, 1-181 Infantry, with 41 Soldiers having nominated a potential Soldier and 14 new potential Soldiers under contract; C Troop 1st Squadron of the 182nd Cav with 37 Soldiers having potential Soldiers nominated and 19 under contract. Recruit Sustainment Warriors of the Recruit Sustainment Battalion earned a combined $176,000 as Recruiter Assistants.

"It is not how many Soldiers a unit has signed up for the G-RAP program," said Harrington, "it is the number of Soldiers who have nominations and contracts of potential Soldiers that counts. If every Soldier submitted one lead a month we could considerably increase the strength of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. We challenge all Commanders and Senior NCOs to motivate their Soldiers to join G-RAP and nominate persons to join the Massachusetts Army National Guard. To date Massachusetts leads the New England states in the program."

Also, a unique collaboration with United Healthcare insurance company makes all Army National Guard Soldiers participating in the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) qualify for optional healthcare insurance coverage in lieu of receiving $2,000 for every new recruit a recruiting assistant brings into the Guard and ships to basic combat training. The nationwide coverage plan includes medical, dental, vision and life insurance.

Recruiting assistants are embedded in their respective communities and are uniquely positioned to tell the Guard story to potential Soldiers. Citizen-Soldiers can earn valuable additional income by becoming RAs themselves. It's the effective way to promote strength from within. It is a win-win situation for all who get leads for G-RAP.

For more information on the G-RAP program, you can go online to www.GuardRecruitingAssistant.com. ✯

Guard Recruiting Assistance Program Open to ANG Retirees

Air National Guard Retirees are now eligible to apply as a recruiter assistant in the ANG Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) and receive a $2,000 stipend for bringing prior service and non-prior service individuals into the Air National Guard. Applicants must be retired from the ANG with a minimum of 20 years satisfactory service, have been retired for greater than six months, and meet the other eligibility requirements identified by Dokupak, the subcontractor. ANG retirees will undergo the same training as is required from traditional Guardsman. Please pass this information to all your friends and former colleagues.

Medical Group Deploys to California Indian Reservation

By Catherine Tonello, Public Affairs Staff

The 102nd Medical Group of Otis Air National Guard Base took a 16 day trip to San Diego, Calif. Their mission: to provide medical care at the Indian Health Council Clinic in Valley Center, San Diego County.

The clinic provides healthcare to people living on nine Indian reservations in north San Diego County in areas such as general medicine, general dental, ophthalmology and chiropractic care. It's estimated that the clinic serves close to 7,500 registered American Indian patients. The number and the need were great, but the Medical Group went in prepared and enthusiastic. The group consisted of capable Airmen who assisted in everything from administration to examinations.

Staff Sgt. Sarah Perry of the group was involved in the coordination of the trip. She and Tech Sgt. Cindy Thomas organized the medical records of the patients being examined at the clinic and handled administration. Capt. Christina Sampsonis, the group's physician assistant, dealt with patients throughout the trip. She said because the clinic is mainly a primary care/family medicine center, they saw a lot of babies for checkups and handled things like diabetes and hypertension (high blood pressure).

They actually dealt with a trauma the first day. A man who had been in a motorcycle accident was brought to the clinic where the captain and others worked on him a little before sending him to the nearest hospital. Sampsonis also had the opportunity to make home visits to the American Indians who aren't able to get to the clinic. She said it was tough at times to see the poverty and conditions some of the people up in the mountains live in. The patients were grateful considering they couldn't even make it to the clinic for something as simple as a yearly checkup. The medical staff at the clinic was also grateful because the medical group helped lighten their load during their time on the reservation.

Treating patients was not the only goal of this trip. The medical group played a huge role in developing and augmenting emergency action plans for the Indian reservation. Sgt. Perry said that up until the medical group arrived, the reservation did not have any effective plans that could be implemented in case of an emergency. The group made it a priority to develop emergency action plans with the American Indians. For example, one of the scenarios they discussed was a gas tank spill.

There is much poverty on the reservation in conjunction with high disease rates. Many of the people on this reservation were diabetics. Perry said that one woman came into the clinic with a blood sugar level exceeding 700. The American Diabetes Association recommends 80 mg/dL to 120 mg/dL before meals and less than 160 mg/dL one hour to two hours after meals for diabetics. This extreme blood sugar level rendered the woman not fit to even drive due to the effects on her eyesight. This is an example of the issues being worked on by groups such as our very own medical group.

There is progress being made. The medical clinic on the reservation is a clean, modern facility with the necessary technology needed to address people's needs. Perry and Thomas felt although their trip did not change the way the people live, they provided much needed help to move the reservation in the right direction.

Tech. Sgt. Tom Burchell was among a break-off group sent out to the Mexico/California border at Russian Hill. They spent a total of nine days at the border. Two of those days were used to train the crew and familiarize them with the equipment they would use. The ambulances were even different; Ford SUVs had been transformed into emergency vehicles. The crew provided medical support to the Army group that was stationed there. Sergeant Burchell and others were paired with Army medics who had previously served in Iraq. He said that his time with them gave him a first hand perspective of what he'll face in Iraq as he and others are deployed in the near future.

At the border, they treated things like burns and made sure that the Soldiers were sufficiently hydrated and protected from the sun in the 100 degree weather. Treating burns and providing sunblock might not seem very glamorous, but this crew provided exactly what the Soldiers protecting our border needed.

All in all, the Medical Group had a challenging but fulfilling time. The compassionate work the group accomplished on the Indian reservation is a testament to the work this team does on Otis Air National Guard Base every day. ✯

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Alert Force Evaluation, the Big "O" Four in a Row!

By Cliff McDonald, Public Affairs Staff

Major inspections come and go at the 102nd Fighter Wing, and they are always taken with the utmost seriousness; however, there may be none more significant than the Alert Force Evaluation. Unlike other important inspections where the unit knows exactly when the inspection team will arrive and has months to prepare, this is a no-notice inspection. The team shows up at the base gate, and the scramble countdown begins as the wing has just minutes to launch its F-15 fighter jets to intercept a potential enemy or terrorist threat. This is the assessment that evaluates the wing on how well its Airmen perform their primary mission, the defense of the Northeast Air Defense Sector of the United States.

Col. Anthony Schiavi, the wing's new commanding officer, on just his third day in command, heard the alert horn sound early on Tuesday morning, June 5, while presiding over a routine battle staff meeting with his top unit commanders briefing him on current world and local events. Wing members never know when it's going to be the real thing, a false alarm or perhaps just another test. This time, it was an Alert Force Evaluation designed to test the wing's response to a Coast Guard aircraft stolen in Canada and currently penetrating U.S. airspace.

Action began in the wing's Command Post where controllers received the order from Northeast Air Defense Sector to "suit up," and then two-and-a-half minutes later to scramble aircraft. Hitting the horn button, the Command Post notified pilots in the alert barn. The alarm also alerted security forces personnel who provided a safe corridor for the aircraft from the alert barn to their takeoff area. Pulses rise as hearts begin pumping faster while carefully practiced response reactions take over.

Across the base, highly skilled pilots and ground crews spring into action and race to scramble F-15 Eagle fighter jets. The alert pilots are concentrating on getting their fighter jets fired up and off the runway. Within two-thirds of the allotted time for this phase of the inspection, two F-15 Eagles are screaming down the runway and launching into the sky, climbing high above Cape Cod in covert pursuit of a potential threat. The target must be intercepted, identified, forced to land if determined a threat, or if necessary, be shot down.

The air employment response of the exercise is only one portion that the wing is evaluated on. Wing personnel are also evaluated on initial response actions, command and control procedures, aircraft maintenance, and security. Maintenance inspections of both alert aircraft upon return to Otis revealed zero discrepancies. Exceptional Security Force support was noted during the recovery operation when 360 degree security was provided prior to returning the aircraft to the restricted area.

According to Lt. Col. Fredrick "Stitch" Shepherd, NORAD Inspector General Team Chief, "the 102nd again, for the fourth time running gets the big 'O' outstanding marks for its performance; every major area was rated as outstanding."

Senior Master Sgt. Aracio "Gus" Barrigas, Alert Maintenance Team Supervisor was named by the inspection team as a Superior Performer. Colonel Sheppard rewarded him with a NORAD Inspector General Coin; the distinction is for people who perform above and beyond the call of duty to do an exemplary job.

In his closing out-briefing remarks Col. Shepherd said, "We at NORAD all know that your unit has a strong history in air defense (35 years), and has been around for a long time. It really saddens us to see a fine unit such as this fall by the wayside by being BRAC'd. I was thinking, how are the people in this unit going to approach this inspection, with a sense of professionalism and pride, or are they going to give up and say (expletive deleted), we've been BRAC'd, I don't care? Obviously you have done the former. For you to step up and do even better than you did the last time is impressive. This is your unit's fourth outstanding rating in a row; no other unit has even come close to this record. You have set the bar high, and it will be near impossible for any other unit to raise it. The closest any other unit has come is two in a row."

Col. Schiavi commented, "It's the leadership of guys like Gus, and all the folks underneath who do all the hands-on work who make everything happen. When you consider the quality of our aircraft, you don't need to be a math major to know that zero deficiencies means there isn't any better. We stress to our folks that we need to maintain our mission focus until the last crew comes off alert sometime early next year. We've taken this to heart, and mean to assure that we do our mission correctly, all the time." ✯

The 102nd Fighter Wing maintains F-15 Eagles on alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The wing is responsible for protecting the Northeast region of the United States from armed attack and terrorist activities. Alert aircraft are used also to assist private and commercial aircraft in distress, and support law enforcement activities involving criminal activities, such as smuggling and illicit drug activity. Aircraft from the wing were the first to arrive on scene over New York City after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.

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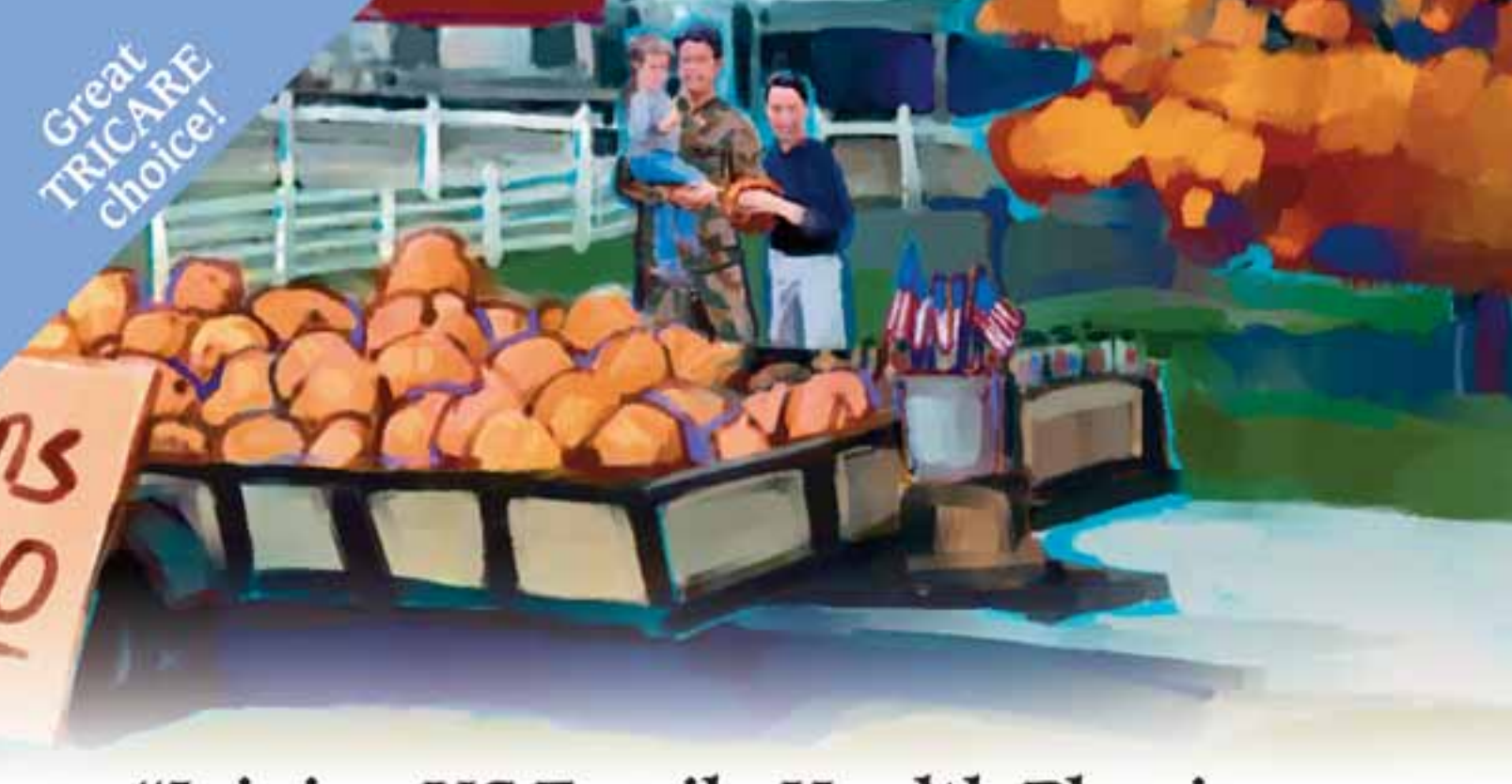

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